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TANK
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated 05/12/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 102(b) over the teachings of the Hashimoto et al reference and the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) over the proposed combination of Hashimoto et al in view of Yamazaki et al are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has stated that Hashimoto et al teaches in FIGS. 3 and 4 a radially inwardly extending seal about the outer periphery of the fuel dispensing nozzle.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is erroneously reading the Hashimoto et al reference inasmuch as there is no mention or description in the specification of any such seal; and, furthermore, the drawings show the nozzle guide hole in the filler tube (the small diameter hole which is flanged) as cross-hatched to be formed of metal. Accordingly, in order for the nozzle to be insertable, a clearance must be provided to accommodate the tolerances of forming the bulkhead of metal.

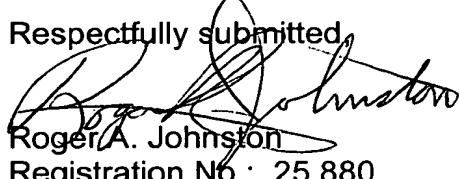
Therefore, the proposed combination of Hashimoto et al with Yamazaki et al fails also to provide any teachings which anticipate or suggest the structure recited in Applicant's claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims patentably distinguish over the cited references; and, it is requested that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

It is noted that a "Notice To File Corrected Application Papers" was mailed February 21, 2002 requiring formal drawings be submitted.

Applicant submitted formal drawings which were received March 12, 2002 as evidenced by the Patent Office stamp on a photocopy of the receipt postcard enclosed herewith.

However, Applicant inadvertently failed to return the copy of the Notice as required and the return copy is attached herewith. It is submitted that Applicant has responded within the two months time period set in the Notice for filing substitute drawings and therefore the case has not gone abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,


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